

## **Amendment to Claims**

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this Application.

### **Listing of Claims**

Claim 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A plural-story building structure comprising a pair of vertically spaced stories including a lower story and a higher story, with each possessing a normal full plate-height internal volume, and with the lower story additionally being characterized by an internal volume which is defined, at least in part, by an unimpeded full plate-height, and

a utilities-conduit containment space in the form of a sub-story disposed independently and directly vertically intermediate said lower and higher stories, possessing a less than normal full plate-height internal volume which lies wholly above the lower story and wholly below the higher story, and said sub-story being adapted constructed and arranged to contain utilities-conduit structure relevant to the supply of utilities services upwardly from said containment space toward said higher story, with related utilities services supply to said utilities-conduit structure extending thereto in a manner avoiding any presence within the mentioned internal volume of said lower story.

Claim 2. CANCELLED WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Claim 3. (ORIGINAL) The building structure of claim 1, wherein said lower story is a ground-level story.

Claim 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A plural-story building structure comprising a pair of vertically spaced stories including a lower story and a higher story, with each possessing a normal full plate-height internal volume, and with the lower story additionally being characterized by an internal volume which is defined, at least in part, by an unimpeded full plate-height,

a utilities-conduit containment space in the form of a sub-story disposed independently and directly vertically intermediate said lower and higher stories, possessing a less than normal full plate-height internal volume which lies wholly above the lower story and wholly below the higher story, and said sub-story being adapted constructed and arranged to contain utilities-conduit structure relevant to the supply of utilities services upwardly from said containment space toward said higher story,

utilities-conduit structure disposed within said containment space including supply-input portions adapted for connection to related utilities services supplies which are external to the building structure, with such connection adaptation accommodating interconnection between said utilities-conduit structure and such external supplies in a manner avoiding any presence within the internal volume of said lower story.

Claim 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The building structure of claim 4, wherein said containment space includes a water-impervious lining to prevent ~~is appropriately lined against~~ ~~the possibility of~~ any liquid drainage taking place from its internal volume to that of said lower story.

Claim 6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A plural-story building structure comprising a vertical stack of stories including plural normal-height stories, and disposed vertically intermediate at least two of these stories, a less-than-normal-height sub-story, with the lower one of said at least two stories possessing an internal volume with an unimpeded full plate height, and,

an internal volume of space formed in said sub-story, ~~adapted~~ constructed and arranged to contain utilities-conduit structure relevant to the supply of utilities services upwardly from said sub-story toward the higher one of said at least two stories, with related utilities services supply to said utilities-conduit structure extending thereto in a manner avoiding any presence within the internal volume of the lower one of said at least two stories.

Claim 7. (NEW) A plural-story building structure comprising a pair of vertically spaced stories including a lower story and a higher story, with each possessing a normal full plate-height internal volume, and with the lower story additionally being characterized by an internal volume which is defined, at least in part, by an unimpeded full plate-height, and

a utilities-conduit containment space in the form of a sub-story disposed independently and directly vertically intermediate said lower and higher stories, possessing a less than normal full plate-height internal volume which lies wholly above the lower story and wholly below the higher story, said sub-story being constructed and arranged to contain utilities-conduit

structure relevant to the supply of utilities services upwardly from said containment space toward said higher story, with related utilities services supply to said utilities-conduit structure extending thereto in a manner avoiding any presence within the mentioned internal volume of said lower story,

said containment space including a water-impervious lining therein to prevent liquid drainage taking place from its internal volume to that of said lower story.